GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4750
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2014
POLICY ON SENIOR CITIZENS
Singh Shri Kunwar Haribansh

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any new policy to utilise the experience, sagacity and rich repository of knowledge of senior citizens; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)& (b): The National Policy on Older Persons (NPOP), 1999 recognises that 60+ phase of life is a huge untapped resource and proposes that facilities be provided to senior citizens so that their potential is realised. To carry forward the spirit of the Policy in this regard, various programmes are being carried out like computer training programme for senior citizens, school programme for inter-generational bonding etc. Further, this Ministry has instituted a National Award, `Vayoshreshtha Samman` to recognize the valuable services being rendered by senior citizens in various distinctive fields in the society. Keeping in view the socio- cultural-economic and technological developments in the last decade, the National Policy on Older Persons, 1999 is being revised by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment to include promotion of measures to create avenues for continuity in employment and/or post retirement opportunities for senior citizens.